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INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIRNESS IN FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS MEDICAL CARE ACT OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Fairness in Federal Bureau of Prisons Medical Care Act of 2018. This bill would remove the current copay Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) inmates are required to pay to visit a BOP-provided doctor.

Under current BOP rules, inmates are required to "pay a fee for health services of \$2.00 per health care visit." While \$2.00 may seem insignificant, when inmates earn only twelve to forty cents per hour on their work assignments, \$2.00 can be substantial. That money could better be used to pay child support or for the cost of necessities. Moreover, while copays can discourage unnecessary appointments, we should be encouraging inmates to seek medical care before conditions become worse and more expensive for taxpayers. Preventative care is much less expensive for the federal government than costly treatment that could have been avoided by a simple doctor's visit earlier in the process.

Under current BOP rules, if an inmate is found responsible through the Disciplinary Hearing Process of having caused another inmate's injury that required a medical visit, the offending inmate is required to pay the \$2.00 copay for the injured inmate's visit. That rule would not change under my bill.

Removing this unnecessary copay would allow inmates to see a doctor and receive the medical treatment they need, and will likely save the federal government money in the long run.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF UNT STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of North Texas Student Health and Wellness Center on the 100th Anniversary of its founding on October 3, 1918. Since 2007, the health center has operated from Chestnut Hall, a state-of-the-art facility that serves current student health needs. Its home at Chestnut Hall reflects both the improvements in care and the growth of the UNT community that have occurred over the past 100 years.

The health center has a long history. It first opened in 1918 as the sanitarium for the Student Army Training Corps students, constructed by the federal government as an emergency hospital for student soldiers training for World War I during the 1918 Spanish Influenza Pandemic. It served five patients on its opening day, and was only able to provide care for eight patients at a time at its initial W. Mulberry Street location. Although the hospital closed November 11, 1918, North Texas State Normal College purchased the equipment through a \$1 fee from all students and staff, relocating the hospital in September 1919 to the corner of Avenue B and Sycamore Street under the supervision of a nurse, Adolphine Grabbe.

Dr. L.O. Hayes was hired as head of the hospital in August 1930 and became the first full-time physician on staff. Facility improvements were also made that year, including a steam pressure sterilizer and clinical laboratory. In 1933, the hospital was relocated to a new fifty-bed building on campus that was equipped with an x-ray machine and allowed treatment of first-aid, surgery and care for both contagious and non-contagious diseases. A new hospital with air conditioning was constructed in 1957, allowing for space on the 2nd floor to be closed-off for an isolation ward. A remodel in 1975 converted the hospital from an inpatient facility to an outpatient facility, and added additional capacity to provide critical health services.

The groundbreaking for Chestnut Hall, approved by a student referendum on the 35,000 student campus, was held in 2005. The 74,000 square foot building currently boasts a digital x-ray machine, extensive laboratory, treatment rooms, immunization rooms, urgent care rooms, twenty-nine exam rooms, wellness resources center, pharmacy and space for administrative staff.

In August 2018, the center received re-accreditation through the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). This is a prestigious honor that serves as a reminder of the high quality of care provided to meet the health needs of a 38,000 student campus.

As a physician, I understand the dedication of those called to a medical career, as well as the satisfaction that comes from helping patients. I offer my sincere appreciation to Dr. Herschel Voorhees and the center's dedicated team for their efforts to provide outstanding care each day. Thank you for all you do to enhance the lives of students, faculty, and staff at UNT. I join you in celebration of the accomplishments of the center's first 100 years, and the standard you have set for those who follow in the next 100 years.

CITY OF HUMBLE FIRST RESPONDERS—TEXANS SERVING TEXANS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last year, Humble, Texas suffered a historic flood, one that devastated the entire town. At the height of the flood, the San Jacinto River Bridge was completely submerged, cutting off passage between Humble and Kingwood. To put it in perspective, 27 trillion gallons of rain fell over Texas. That is enough water to fill the Houston Astrodome 85,000 times. Folks had anywhere between 36 and 52 inches of rain. The Humble area recorded around 40 inches of rain. Humble was hammered by this flood.

On Friday, August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall on the Texas Gulf Coast as a Category 4 hurricane. The Texas air just felt different that Friday, ominous. Those of you who have been through a hurricane will understand what I am saying. The air pressure dropped and a breeze out of nowhere appeared. In August we don't get a breeze! This was the first evident sign that the storm was headed our way.

As I left a meeting in downtown Houston, I decided I better call my staff and check in. I encouraged them to leave early, grab some supplies, and hunker down for the weekend. As I began my commute back to Humble, I called my friend, Merle Aaron. Mayor Aaron could tell me what I needed to hear about preparations in and around the city as the storm approaches. We talked a long time; he mentioned that the police and fire were prepared for extended weekend shifts. Little did we know about the nightmare that was coming for Humble later that weekend.

The rains and floods ravaged the city. By Sunday night, Humble's first responders were evacuating folks from their homes and transporting them to shelters. Roads were shut down due to high water and some homes were knocked off their foundations. First responders began search and rescue missions. They worked with other agencies in boats in the high water areas. They also maintained a presence in order to keep looters out of the flooded businesses. During the weeks following, there were no serious incidents from looters.

The first responders proved crucial during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. I cannot stress enough its role in providing a swift response during the immediate aftermath and a strong presence during the cleanup phases.

Later that week, I witnessed the devastation first hand as I rode with Mayor Aaron in his pickup truck through a neighborhood behind

Deerbrook Mall called Northshire. Over 300 homes were flooded with 4–6ft of water. The roads were impassable and protected by Humble Police. First responders waved us through and immediately I could not be more proud of my city's response during the worst natural disasters to ever affect Texans. Among the piles of garbage, and stench of rot, folks had spray painted signs that said, "We love Humble Police" and "Thank you first responders". It was an overwhelming display of gratitude toward our first responders.

The City of Humble responders worked tirelessly around the clock for many days to protect its citizens. The stories following Hurricane Harvey give folks the determination to recover from the nightmare they endured that weekend.

Harvey will not defeat the City of Humble—they proved to be Texas Strong.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING ODLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ON WINNING THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Odle Middle School students: Ishan Bansal, Eric He, Neil Chowdhury, Eric Liu, and Clarence Zheng for their win at the National Science Bowl (NSB), held this past April 26 to April 30 in Washington, D.C.

The Department of Energy (DOE) created the National Science Bowl in 1991 to encourage students to excel in mathematics and science, and to pursue careers in these fields. More than 290,000 students have participated in the National Science Bowl throughout its 28-year history, and more than 14,000 students compete in the NSB every year.

Coached by Rina Chowdhury with guidance from Interlake High School teacher Michael O'Bryne, the Odle Middle School team was among 48 middle schools from around the United States that competed for the national title. Winning this title is not an easy feat, and their perseverance is truly remarkable. In addition to being named the 2018 National Champions, the team's diligence and dedication earned Olde's Science Department \$1000, courtesy of the U.S. Department of Energy.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the enormous achievement of Odle Middle School and its students Ishan Bansal, Eric He, Neil Chowdhury, Eric Liu, and Clarence Zheng. Their impressive potential to thrive in a range of scientific and mathematical fields is demonstrated by their victory at the 2018 National Science Bowl, and I wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BETSY FRANCESCHINI

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Betsy Franceschini as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Betsy Franceschini has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling, from the Catholic University of Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Since her arrival to Florida in 1985, her efforts have been focused on serving the community in the areas of cultural awareness, civic engagement, Hispanic community empowerment, advocating on issues to increase the quality of life of Latinos in the State and Nationally.

Mrs. Franceschini is currently the Senior Director of Florida and Southeast Programs and Policy for Hispanic Federation. Betsy has successfully developed and implemented HF community programs to uplift Hispanic families locally, promoting public policy advocacy and implementing innovative community programs.

She has been recognized for her work in the areas of Disaster relief and support for Hurricane Maria evacuees, civic engagement, community service, and advocacy on issues that impact Hispanics.

Previously, she held the position of Florida Director for the office of Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration, representing the Government of Puerto Rico and the million Puerto Rican residing in the State. She successfully developed partnership with 43 community organizations, agencies and entities to expand services to the community.

One of her major accomplishment was being elected as one of the Top National Latino Leaders to meet with President Obama to discuss Hispanic issues.

She has received multiple awards and recognitions. Among others: Mujer Destacada y Truinfadora in 2015, Hispanos Que Hacen La Diferencia from Telemundo, Congressional Recognition for Outstanding and Invaluable Service to the Community, Top 25 Most Influential Hispanics in Central Florida—Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Businesswomen of the Year in 2001.

Over thirty years of dedication and commitment has earned her a high level of respect, support and admiration from the community for her demonstrated leadership and public service in the State of Florida.

PHILIP "DUANE" STEEN: 37 YEARS OF SERVICE TO TEXAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my friend, Philip "Duane" Steen, has served Texans for nearly four decades in the Texas Department of Public Safety. He is a lifetime member of what is referred to in my part of Texas as the Poe-leece. It is an informal organization made up of my long-time friends in the Texas law enforcement community.

No stone in Texas has been left unturned during his decorated career. From the hills of San Antonio to the flat lands of Houston, he has helped Texans feel safe and secure by defending and upholding the law. His service to the state and to Houston will withstand time. It is an honor to pay tribute to him today as he retires from public service.

Duane graduated from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science before beginning his valorous career with the Texas De-

partment of Public Safety (DPS). His career aspirations began when car trouble led to a ride-along with a DPS trooper as a student at A&M. The two got along like old friends, and you might say that was the straw that broke the camel's back. In 1981, Duane officially began his career serving the people of Texas. His first assignment was in Denton as a Highway Patrol Trooper.

During his nearly four decade tenure, Duane served the people of Texas through various positions in the DPS. He served as Narcotics Sergeant, Austin; Narcotics Lieutenant, Waco; Narcotics Captain, Garland and Austin, and Narcotics Assistant Commander, San Antonio and Austin. In the last decade of his career he served in Austin as Major, Criminal Investigations Division, later promoted to Deputy Assistant Director, and finally as Region 2 Commander, Houston.

From speeding tickets and drunk drivers to full scale narcotics operations, he was up against some of the roughest and toughest that Texas had to offer. Through it all, he never stopped trying to make the Lone Star state a safer place. He was the type of guy that you wanted on your side because he would not stop until the job was done right.

The impact he had on Texans, Houstonians, and the thin blue line will continue to be an example for generations to come. He may have handed in his badge, but his legacy lives on. His family can rest easy now knowing the most dangerous activity he will be doing is spending most days out on the water with his fishing pole.

Happy Trails to you, Duane. Thank you for a job well done and for all your hard work to make our Texas a safer place.

And that is just the way it is.

IN MEMORY OF MR. WELDON BURGOON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Mr. Charles Weldon Burgoon. A lifelong cowboy, dedicated volunteer, and local businessman, Mr. Burgoon recently passed away at the age of 88.

A beloved member of the community, Mr. Burgoon was the owner of Weldon's Saddle Shop and Western Wear where he sold belts, saddles, and other handmade leather accessories until he retired in January of 2017.

Mr. Burgoon grew up in Denton County and began riding horses when he was just three years old. He began training Shetland ponies as a child, and joined and competed in many rodeos across Texas until 1992. He and his wife Joy met as students at Denton High School, and were married in Green Valley, Texas in 1950.

Throughout his life, Mr. Burgoon dedicated much of his time to serving his fellow North Texans. Even after his retirement, Mr. Burgoon continued to dedicate his time to the youth of Denton County. He served on numerous organizations in Denton including the Denton County Livestock Association and Youth Fair, North Texas High School Rodeo Association, United Way of Denton County,